

Westminster Community Primary School
Safe Cycling Policy 2020



Your child's safety is of the utmost importance to us and that is why we have put together this policy. At Westminster School we are keen to support pupils from all year groups who wish to cycle to and from school because we appreciate the health benefits and the contribution this makes to the environment. However, the decision as to whether your child is able to cycle, either alone or with an adult, must be yours and yours alone. The school is not responsible for anything that may happen as a result of your decision.

The following guidelines are offered to you:

- Children, wherever possible, should be accompanied by a trusted adult when cycling to and from school.
- A bike helmet should be worn when cycling to minimise the risk of serious head injury in the event of an accident or fall.
- It is important that cyclists can be seen by pedestrians, other cyclists, cars, buses, etc. To help with this we recommend wearing reflective materials at night and fluorescent materials in the day.
- Bicycles should be fitted with safety equipment including a bell or horn and lights (halogen lights are recommended as they provide brighter light and use less battery power).
- Where provided cycle lanes should be used.
- When cycling on pavements children should take care not to frighten young or elderly pedestrians.
- Children of primary school age should not make right turns, instead they should dismount and cross on foot.
- Regular maintenance of the child's bicycle is an important aspect of staying safe and until a child is trained in how to do this an adult should take responsibility for checking the brakes, tyres and chain.

To assist you in ensuring your child has access to appropriate training we work with the Cheshire West Safe and Sustainable Travel Team to offer Cycle training to pupils in Year 5 and 6.

We have a cycle storage area and recommend that your child uses a bike lock to secure their bike.

I confirm I have read Westminster Community Primary School's Cycling Policy and that I have given permission for my child to cycle to and from school. I understand that my child needs to wear a helmet whilst cycling.

Name of Child: _____

Name of Parent/Carer: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____